

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and/or joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR CREATING DENSE DRILLING FLUID ADDITIVE AND
COMPOSITION THEREFOR**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

| NUMBER | DATE FILED |
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| <u>60/189,007</u> | <u>March 13, 2000</u> |

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

| PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) | | | |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in any prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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